

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 7, the second full paragraph, lines 18-22, as follows:

As shown in FIG. 2 FIGS. 2 and 3, a front end extension 70 is defined between the front end 56 and the forward most receptacles 68 in the upper panel 14. This spacing or extension 70 is different than the toe extension 44 in the base panel 12 in the disclosed example for reasons discussed below. However, the front end extension 70 can be the same as the toe extension 44 of the base panel 12.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 of the specification, from page 9, line 29, to page 10, line 9, as follows:

~~In-an~~ An alternative disclosed example of a base panel 112 is shown in FIG. 6 with like numbers representing like parts in comparison to the panel 12 described above. The base panel 112 has a plurality of receptacles 142 which are similarly configured and arranged in comparison to the receptacles 42 of the base panel 12. Each receptacle 142 in the base panel 112 has a blind end or bottom surface 144. The receptacles 142, therefore, do not pass through the entire panel depth, but instead terminate at the blind end surface 144. The blind end surface 144 of each receptacle 142 in this example is tapered or angled relative to a plane defined by the panel top surface 24. The blind end surfaces 144 are angled downward in a forward direction (toward the front end 30 or front corners 36), as shown in FIG. 8. The angled, blind end surface 144 urges the distal end 48 of the tool handle 46 forward within each receptacle 142 as depicted in FIG. 8, which provides another anti-tip feature or characteristic of the storage device 10.

Please amend the specification at page 10, the paragraph at lines 10-22, as follows:

As shown in FIG. 8, the tapered, blind end surfaces 144 urge the distal ends 48 of the handles 46 forward within the receptacles 142. The forward most position of the handle ends 48 causes the tools 18 to tip rearward. The center of gravity for the device 10 can thus be controlled by urging each tool in a desired tip orientation utilizing the receptacles 142. For a corner unit such as that depicted in FIGS. 1-9, the tools 18 can all be oriented so that they tip rearward toward the back corners 32 and 58, as shown in FIG. 7. This will assist in

preventing or inhibiting the unit or device 10 from tipping forward toward the front ends 30 and 56. For devices having other shapes, or for non-corner unit devices, each of the angled, blind end surfaces 144 and the receptacles 142 can be constructed and arranged to orient a tool held therein in a particular direction, and different from some or all of the other receptacles 142. This can be done to utilize each tool 18 to distribute and counteract the tipping moment created by other tools 18 stored in the device 10.